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Kansas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences



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Are You Willing To Serve?

The Northwest Area is currently identifying members who would like to serve as a KEAFCS leader.

Positions up for election are:

- President - Elect
- Vice President for Member Resources
- Vice President for Public Affairs
- Treasurer
- SW Area Counselor
- SE Area Counselor

Please contact Jamie Rathbun, NW Area Counselor, jrathbun@ksu.edu, or call 785-472-4442 if you are interested in or would like to nominate someone for any of these leadership positions.

Plans are to have nominees confirmed in August, so that a short bio for each candidate can be included in the October newsletter, prior to voting at Annual Conference.



Help Needed at KSF Style Revue

Northeast Area is in charge of Kansas State Fair Style Revue. Gina Aurand, from River Valley District, is chair of the public revue and Deb Wood and Ginger Kopher, from Geary County, are co-chairs for judging for this event. NE is in need of extension staff and other volunteers to help host this year's fashion revue. You don't have to be a

fashionista to help; there are a lot of varied roles from which to choose. They would appreciate you looking at the Google doc provided at this link: <http://bit.ly/2012Committees> and filling your name in an area where you would be willing to volunteer. The descriptions of the committees, to help you decide where you would like to help, can be found

at this link: <http://bit.ly/2012JobDescriptions>
The meeting to set the schedule, compile scripts, and finalize plans has been set for August 24th at 9:30am in Manhattan. We will need script and scheduling volunteers to help, so mark that date on your calendar along with September 15th which is the big day for the fashion revue.

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President's Message

- submitted by Linda Beech, KEAFCS President

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

- Margaret Meade

I was honored to represent you at the Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD) conference in Washington DC this spring. We missed the cherry blossoms, but the azaleas were in full bloom on Capitol Hill as we visited the offices of each of our Kansas legislators. It was a great opportunity to let them know what Extension educators are doing in Kansas and to thank them for their funding support. The PILD conference was a celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Morrill Act which established the land-grant university system in 1862. Introduced by Justin Smith Morrill of Vermont, and signed by President Abraham

Lincoln, the act established colleges in each state that would educate people in agriculture, home economics, mechanical arts and other practical professions. It assured that higher education would be available in all areas of the country and to all social classes. Today, we still have the responsibility— and the privilege— of extending practical education to people across the nation and here in Kansas. At a recent meeting of KEAA representatives and administrators, I was reminded of the three broad goals for K-State Research and Extension, which are still relevant to the original vision that has been guiding our work for 150 years:

- To advance the culture of relevant, high quality programming
- To advance the culture of diversity and inclusiveness
- To advance the culture of professional excellence

So, I encourage you to take your role as a professional Extension educator seriously. Strive to make a difference in the lives of your clientele. Be the local face of the land-grant system to provide practical education that helps people improve their lives, families and communities. We have a proud history and an ongoing opportunity to make a difference for those we serve.

Spring Action Silent Auction

It was a successful KEAFCS silent auction at Spring Action Conference. With a wide variety of more than 50 items, there was something for everyone to bid on. KEAFCS was able to make \$770.00 through this fundraiser.

THANK YOU to all members who donated an item (or more) and to those who made a purchase. Also, THANK YOU to the committee who worked hard to make this fundraiser happen and made sure that it ran smoothly, Carol Ann

Crouch (chair), Megan Ferrell, Belinda Oldham, and Kathy Tharman. All who contributed were a vital part of the success of this event.

Notes from NEAFCS

- Apply for a Creative Ideas Program Grant that will enable you to use the "Living Well -- More Than a Cookbook" book for your FCS educational needs. The only expense to the applicant will be a \$20 fee per case (10 books) to cover the cost of shipping and handling. More information is available on the Living Well Section of the NEAFCS website. There is no specific due date for grant proposals; applications will continue to be accepted as long as the supply of Living Well books lasts.
- The Walk Kansas program is included in the 2012 NEAFCS Impact Statement on food, nutrition and health. Thanks to Tara Solomon, VP for Public Affairs, who submitted the Kansas reports. See the Impact Statements at [under Public Affairs](#).
- Registration is open for the 2012 NEAFCS Conference in Columbus, Ohio on September 24-28. The agenda is full of great learning opportunities, so start making your plans to attend now!
- Member-only NEAFCS professional development webinars provide a wealth of cutting-edge information on a variety of topics presented by national experts and NEAFCS colleagues. Be sure to take advantage of these free training opportunities!



NEW Family and Consumer Sciences Brand



NEAFCS is one of 11 national FCS organizations that joined in the FCS Branding Initiative led by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. The primary goals of the initiative were to develop messages to clearly communicate the value of the family and consumer sciences field, as well as an icon that would convey the essence

of the field. The Family & Consumer Sciences icon and tagline "Creating Healthy and Sustainable Families," may be used by alliance organizations by following the guidelines in the AAFCS Co-Branding Toolkit. The icon and guidelines for use may be found on the AAFCS website at <http://www.aafcs.org/AboutUs/FCSbrand.asp>.

Dates to Remember:

- August 27-31, FCS Update, Manhattan
- September 7-16, Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson
- September 15, KSF Fashion Revue, Hutchinson
- September 24-28, NEAFCS, Columbus OH
- October 3 & 4, FNP Update, Manhattan
- October 15-18, KSRE Annual Conference, Manhattan
- September 16-20, 2013, Galaxy Conference, Pittsburgh PA

Planning to Attend National Meeting?

“EXPLORING Our Strengths, DISCOVERING Our Potential, LEADING The Way To Our Future” is the theme for this years NEAFCS Annual Session in Columbus, Ohio. If you are planning to attend, don’t forget that early bird registration

must be submitted online by July 21.

If you are planning to attend national meeting, please get in touch with Nancy Honig, nhonig@ksu.edu, 620-544-4359. She is taking charge of planning State’s Night Out and will need information on attendees

from Kansas as she plans for voting delegates. Also, let her know if you will have any guests attending with you.

Research & Study Committee Update

- submitted by Debra Bolton

There is a lot of research happening in SW Area, specifically in Kearny and Finney counties. The Kearny County research is complete and its results will be presented for the Change of Colors National Conference at the University of Missouri. Plans are to present it to interested participants in Kearny County as well.

Three researchers (2 from K-State, and one from KU) are conducting studies in Finney County. My research is completed and analyses are underway. Preliminary results will be reported in June with further analyses to be completed by July, 2012.

All FCS Extension professionals might consider certification as a family life educator. The National Council on Family Relations (NFCR) certifies those who work with families.

Requirements include academic coursework, professional development, and/or work experience in family life activities and teaching. For more information, talk to me, or send an e-mail to info@ncfr.org. NCFR also produces journals that may be of interest to you. Family Relations includes research on a variety of topics that related to families. For example, the February 2012 issue

was devoted to balancing work and family. Other important topics, such as, working with families from other cultures and challenging behaviors in children, are other examples of the kinds of research happening among family practitioners. On another note, the Community and Economic Development Program Focus Team has developed an extensive workshop on Board Leadership Training. We just completed a successful pilot run of it in April via Adobe Connect. More information can be found by reaching Jennifer Wilson or Trudy Rice.



The National Council on Family Relations is the premier professional association for the multidisciplinary understanding of families.